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# Student Group Faces Cash, Rent Troubles

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By the Associated Press

The National Student Association, which huffily divorced the Central Intelligence Agency in February, is having difficulties stemming from the former relationship.

Both sides were embarrassed when the student-CIA tie was disclosed by former NSA officers.

The NSA got brickbats from its members for accepting money from a government agency that spies and influences; the CIA blushed like an undercover agent who drops his badge at a Mafia meeting.

But the student association still has its national headquarters in two expensive interconnected townhouses, and it is paying nothing for them under an agreement with the Independence Foundation of Boston.

The foundation, the NSA president says, is a CIA conduit.

### Want to Keep Quarters

W. Eugene Groves, president of the NSA, says the foundation is not trying to collect rent. It simply wants to be rid of its tenant. The students want to keep their headquarters, but they don't want the CIA to pay for it.

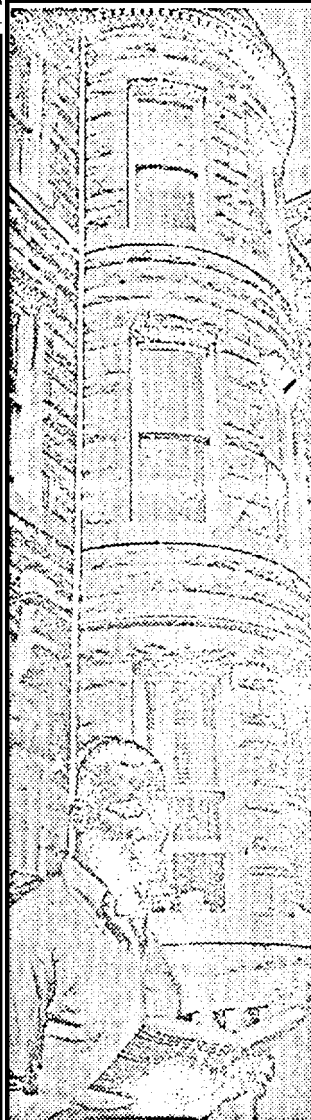
"They are in the hot seat and want us out of the building," says Groves. "We had one meeting with the attorney for the CIA. He was rather nasty, using a lot of bluff, threats that we punctured very easily."

### What kind of threats?

"One is drying up the Independence Foundation in order that the leasor would no longer own the building."

The CIA, being in the secrecy business, won't comment one way or another. But a source familiar with CIA operations says any thoughts of threats would be ridiculous.

"How would it sound if it became known the CIA was trying to push a bunch of college kids out of their building?" he asked.



National Student Association employe Robert Harewood outside Washington townhouse headquarters.

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The Independence Foundation in the years 1962 through 1964 listed contributions to the NSA of \$50,584.52, \$55,010.15 and \$48,938.09 in its income tax records. Records for later years were not on file at the Foundation library in Washington. Efforts to reach a spokesman for the Independence Foundation were not successful.

Groves says the Independence Foundation and two other foundations now are submitting

bills not connected with the rent.

"They have been pressing for payment of things they had not pressed before," Groves says.

"In effect, they allowed or encouraged us to get into debt. We were \$20,000 to \$25,000 over our budget in the last two or three years and now that the story is broken they are trying to pull the strings out."

A spokesman for the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs in New York, one of the groups Groves says is pushing for money, said: "We are not pressuring them. There are a number of projects the association was working on in 1965-66 for which it submitted accounts earlier this year. In a number of cases the NSA underspent so a balance is due the foundation. This is not a CIA front."

### 3rd Foundation Named

The third foundation named by Groves was the San Jacinto Foundation of Houston, Tex. No spokesman could be reached.

"When we were on good terms, the CIA would pick up the deficits," Groves says. "This year's budget will balance, but we won't make up the deficit" of earlier years.

The NSA budget for its work with more than 300 member student governments is \$800,000 this year. A subsidiary, Educational Travel, Inc., in New York has a budget of \$500,000. The money comes through various grants, including a number from the federal government.

"What we need now is sizable money to buy the building and then we have an asset to borrow on," Groves says. "We need \$75,000 so we can pick up the mortgage."

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